

5 said ring member is moved upwardly on the fishing rod when the fishing
line is pulled outwardly away from the fishing rod.

Claim 2 (cancelled)

3. (original) The fish bite indication device of claim 1, wherein said plastic
10 material is phosphorescent.

4. (original) The fish bite indication device of claim 1, further including a
loop being attached to said ring member, said loop being positioned on an outer
circumference of said ring member, said loop having an inner diameter smaller than an
15 inner diameter of said ring member, an elongated tether having a first end and a second
end, said first end being attached to said loop.

5. (currently amended) A fish bite indication device for removably
positioning on a fishing rod having fishing line strung therethrough, said device
20 comprising:

25 a ring member having a generally circular shape, said ring member having a
substantially smooth outer surface, said ring member having an inner
diameter generally between $\frac{1}{2}$ inch and 2 inches, said ring member
comprising a plastic material, said plastic material being buoyant in water,
said plastic material being phosphorescent;

a loop being attached to said ring member, said loop being positioned on an outer
circumference of said ring member, said loop having an inner diameter
smaller than said inner diameter of said ring member;

an elongated tether having a first end and a second end, said first end being
30 attached to said loop; and

wherein said ring member is positioned positionable over an end of the fishing
rod such that said ring member is moved upwardly on the fishing rod
when the fishing line is pulled outwardly away from the fishing rod.

- 5 6. (new) A fish bite indication device for removably positioning on a fishing rod having fishing line strung therethrough, said device comprising:
- a ring member having a generally circular shape, said ring member having a substantially smooth outer surface, said ring member having an inner diameter generally between $\frac{1}{2}$ inch and 2 inches;
- 10 a loop being attached to said ring member, said loop being closed, said loop being positioned on an outer circumference of said ring member, said loop having an inner diameter smaller than said inner diameter of said ring member;
- an elongated tether having a first end and a second end, said first end being attached to said loop, said second end being attachable to an object spaced from the fishing line; and
- 15 wherein said ring member is positionable over an end of the fishing rod such that said ring member is moved upwardly on the fishing rod when the fishing line is pulled outwardly away from the fishing rod, wherein said tether may secure said ring to the object when said ring falls off said fishing rod such that said ring is not lost.
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